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To all CEOS Principals and Contacts

**Subject: Invitation to the 18<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the CEOS Working Group on Information Systems and Services (WGISS) and Associated Technical Sub-Group Meetings, 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2004.**

Dear Colleague,

The Committee on Earth Observing Satellites' (CEOS) Working Group on Information Systems and Services (WGISS) is planning to hold its 18th Plenary Meeting at the National Remote Sensing Center of China (NRSCC) in Beijing China on 6th – 10th September 2004. This meeting will be held in conjunction with joint WGISS's 17th Subgroup Meetings. On behalf of National Remote Sensing Center of China, I would like to take the opportunity to invite you and your organization to participate in the meeting.

As you know WGISS has made great contributions to the Earth observation information systems and services as well as to the global earth observation activities. I hope that your organization feels that this work is of importance, and look forward to seeing you or your representative at WGISS-18 and the associated Sub-Group meetings. Your involvement in these meetings will help develop more understanding of the WGISS activities.

Further information on WGISS can be obtained from the CEOS WGISS website <http://wgiss.ceos.org/>. The registration form and other information on WGISS-18 can be found at <http://wgiss18.rsgs.ac.cn>.

I am looking forward to greeting you in Beijing and feel confident that you will have wonderful experience in this meeting for sharing ideas and information with each other and have a good time in Beijing in September.

Sincerely Yours

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